

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RICK MADSEN,

No. C 09-5457 SBA (PR)

Plaintiff,

**ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS'  
MOTION FOR A STAY OF DISCOVERY**

v.

(Docket no. 79)

SUE E. RISENHOOVER, et al.,

Defendants.

Plaintiff Rick Madsen, a state prisoner incarcerated at Pelican Bay State Prison, filed this civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Defendants have filed a motion for summary judgment. Defendants have also filed a motion to stay discovery pending the resolution of their motion for summary judgment regarding the defense of qualified immunity.

A district court has broad discretion to stay discovery pending the disposition of a dispositive motion. See Panola Land Buyers Ass'n v. Shuman, 762 F.2d 1550, 1560 (11th Cir. 1985); Scroggins v. Air Cargo, Inc., 534 F.2d 1124, 1133 (5th Cir. 1976).

Plaintiff alleges that Defendants were deliberately indifferent to his serious medical needs by providing inadequate medical treatment for his Hepatitis C. The medical care Plaintiff did or did not receive as well as the circumstances surrounding such allegations are critical to determining the viability of Plaintiff's claims. Moreover, a stay of discovery could affect Plaintiff's ability to file his opposition to Defendants' motion for summary judgment. Furthermore, staying discovery would only further delay resolution of the case if the motion for summary judgment is denied. Accordingly, Defendants' motion for a stay of discovery (docket no. 79) is DENIED.

This Order terminates Docket no. 79.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 2/15/12

  
SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG  
United States District Judge

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Dated: February 16, 2012

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